Government Priorities Policy - 6.6.P (12/15/99)

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Background - 6.6.P.1

Under Title I of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. 2061, et seq.), the President is authorized (1) to require that contracts in support of the national defense be accepted and performed on a preferential or priority basis over all other contracts, and (2) to allocate materials and facilities in such a manner as to promote the national defense.

The Office of Industrial Resource Administration (OIRA), DOC, is responsible for administering and enforcing a system of priorities and allocations to carry out Title I of the Defense Production Act for industrial items. The Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) has been established to promote the timely availability of the necessary industrial resources to meet current national defense requirements and to provide a framework to facilitate rapid industrial mobilization in case of national emergency.

There are two levels of priority for rated orders established by the DPAS, identified by the rating symbols "DO" and "DX." All DO rated orders have equal priority with each other and take

preference over unrated orders. All DX rated orders have equal priority with each other and take preference over DO rated and unrated orders. DX ratings are used for special defense programs designated by the President to be of the highest national priority.

Policy - 6.6.P.2

SNL shall follow the provisions of the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) Regulation and all other applicable regulations and orders for the use of priority ratings, requests for priorities assistance, and allocations of controlled materials. This system keeps defense and other eligible programs on schedule by ensuring that they receive preferential scheduling.

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